

City of Central Point News from City Hall

City Manager's Corner:

Legalization of Marijuana

As most of you are aware, Oregon Ballot Measure 91 legalized the growing (effective July 1st, 2015) and dispensing (effective January 1st, 2016) of recreational marijuana. The legalization of recreational marijuana is in addition to Oregon's existing medical marijuana program. In an effort to limit the negative impacts of medically- or recreationally-grown marijuana, the city council recently approved legislative ordinances aimed at stringently regulating dispensaries and personally grown marijuana inside Central Point city limits.

Following discussion at multiple city council meetings and study sessions, as well as public statements in the newspaper and on television news reports, the council approved legislation on May 28, 2015 by way of ordinance 2007, which requires that personal grows of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes must be inside a structure. Additionally, such structures will need to meet certain criteria as defined by ordinance 2007: Indoors/Indoor Structure – "means within a fully enclosed and secure structure that complies with the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) or Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), as adopted by the City of Central Point, which has a complete roof enclosure supported by connecting walls extending from the foundation/slab to the roof. The structure must be secure against unauthorized entry, accessible only through one or more lockable doors, and constructed of solid materials that cannot easily be broken through, such as 2" x 4" or larger wood

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Central Point Freedom Festival

The Central Point Chamber of Commerce Freedom Festival is a family tradition and destination of choice for families throughout the Rogue Valley.

The Fourth of July is more than a parade or festival. It's a gathering of people celebrating our independence through a variety of activities. Spend the day with us – wear your most patriotic attire and enjoy the day!

Begins at 6:45 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Boy Scouts Crater Lake Council, followed by the 5K run and the Fun Run sponsored by the City of Central Point Parks and Recreation. The parade begins with a fly-over at 9:30 a.m. There will be over 82 entries from floats, bands, car clubs, equestrian entrants and other visual treats. The city and chamber encourages you to save your parade viewing spot, but please be respectful of downtown businesses and do not block their entrances.

Following the parade head over to Pfaff Park, the festival includes free kids activities, live music, beer garden, food vendors and artisan booths. The evening will end with the Medford Chamber's RED, WHITE & BOOM fireworks display at the Jackson County Expo!

Public Safety Fee

The Central Point City Council recently passed Ordinance No. 2009, an ordinance authorizing a \$1.00 monthly Public Safety Fee on the utility bill. When city staff ask for and are granted funds to support our Police Department, we want to make sure the community is getting the best allocation of services that we can provide. The Police Department will be using the Public Service Fee to fund a new school resource officer.

Currently, we have one School Resource Officer, Jeff Britton, covering Crater High School, Scenic Middle School, Mae Richardson Elementary, Central Point Elementary and Jewett Elementary. We also focus our school resource officer on local preschools, day cares and Southern Oregon Head Start. As you can imagine, our school resource officer handles a lot of different calls in a day. It was quickly identified that as a Police Department we needed an additional position in the schools so we can be proactive with our children and enhance school safety.

The new school resource officer position will be assigned to Scenic Middle School and the 3 elementary schools in the City of Central Point. This school resource officer will also focus on traffic congestion near the elementary schools that has historically been a source of complaints in the mornings and afternoons. We are planning on filling the school resource position for the beginning of the 2015-2016 school years.



The Police Department is excited to have this opportunity to support the schools and focus on school safety. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us at the Police Department 541-664-5578.



Lower Flood Insurance Premiums with Property Protection Projects

Summer is an opportune time to consider home improvements that have the long-term benefit of reducing flood risk and the cost of flood insurance. Premium rates are based on a variety of factors but the general rule is that higher risk equals higher premiums. The good news is that there are several ways to retrofit existing structures to reduce risk and lower premiums, including but not limited to:

- Installing sufficient foundation flood openings to prevent structural collapse by allowing high water to automatically flow through a crawlspace;
- Elevating all utilities and mechanical equipment, including HVAC.
- Installing flood openings in garage walls if the garage slab is below the base flood elevation (BFE).

If you are interested in retrofitting your structure, please contact the Planning Department at (541) 664-3321, Ext. 244. We will review the current FEMA Elevation Certificate on file for your property, if there is one, and provide you with a list of options for your consideration. We recommend that you work with your insurance agent, a qualified contractor and professional surveyor. Together, this team of professionals can help you determine the cost-benefit of potential retrofits and provide services throughout the project as needed.

Contact Your Council email: info@centralpointoregon.gov

						
Mayor Hank Williams 541-994-0066	Council President Bruce Dingler 541-324-1842	Ward II Michael Quilty 541-621-4853	Ward III Brandon Thueson 503-930-7057	Ward IV Allen Broderick 541-951-7253	At-Large Tanea Browning 541-890-8377	At-Large Rick Samuelson 541-664-1878

If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026

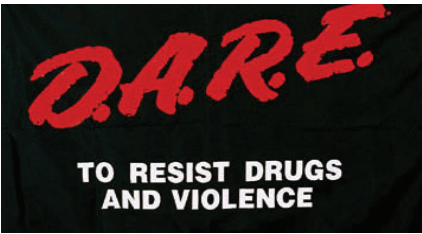
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studs covered with 3/ 8” or thicker weather-resistant siding or equivalent materials. Plastic sheeting, regardless of gauge, or similar products do not satisfy this requirement.” Feel free to contact the building department with any questions.

Although respectful of city resident’s legal right to consume recreational/medical marijuana within the parameters of state law, the Central Point City Council has remained vigilant in its efforts to protect Central Point citizens and property owners from the negative impacts associated with medical or recreational marijuana grows. Furthermore, the council had previously adopted “time, place and manner” restrictions on potential marijuana dispensaries. These policy decisions have been made in response to public input/debate that indicates that the majority of Central Point residents would prefer prohibition of

marijuana within the city limits. With the legality of local prohibition currently being debated in the State legislature (Senate Bill 964), the Central Point Council will await clarification from the legislature before adopting any additional restrictions/prohibitions.

Additional note for owners of rental properties: With the July 1 legalization of recreational marijuana, the city encourages property owners to review their rental agreements in an effort to prevent unanticipated and possibly undesirable outcomes such as damage that may occur as a result of recreational marijuana grows. Information on local ordinances regulating both medical and recreational marijuana can be found on the city’s website at www.centralpointoregon.gov. However, the City is prohibited from providing legal advice to private property owners as how to best protect your property rights.



D.A.R.E Show & Shine and Cruise August 1, 2015

Come join us again this year at Twin Creek Crossing Park, Saturday August 1, 2015. The Show & Shine is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Twin Creeks Crossing Park. The Cruise is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on East Pine Street. All types

of vehicles are welcome to this event! Entry fee is \$20.00 which includes a T-shirt, but spectators are free.

Please e-mail bobbie.pomeroy@centralpointoregon.gov or stop by the police department to register your vehicle. All proceeds from this event benefit the Central Point Police Department D.A.R.E. Program.



Dates to Remember (Subject to Change)

- July
- 3 - City Hall Closed for 4th of July Holiday
 - 4 - Annual Fun Run and Freedom Festival
 - 7 – Planning Commission (6 pm)
 - 9 - Citizens Advisory Commission (6 pm)
 - 16 – City Council (7 pm)

- August
- 1 - Central Point D.A.R.E. Cruise
 - 4 – Planning Commission (6 pm)
 - 13 – City Council (7 pm)
 - 17 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
 - 27 - City Council (7 pm)

City Directory

City Manager
541-423-1026

Building Permits
541-423-1973

Code Enforcement
541-423-1034

Community Development
541-423-1973

Library (Central Point Branch)
541-664-3228

Police (Non Emergency)
541-664-5578

Parks and Recreation
541-664-3321 ext. 130

Public Works
541-423-1028

Public Works After Hours
1-800-726-6476

Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext. 204

CALL 911
for Fire, Medical and
Police Emergencies

City Hall hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday. Feel free to drop in
with questions, pay a bill, or just say
“hello”.

Friday Night Festival Line up

Sponsored by:  BEAR CREEK PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Join us on Friday nights for free music and movies in the park. H.L.H. Cotton Candy will be on site selling cotton candy, snow cones, drinks and an assortment of candies. Popcorn and hot dogs will be available for purchase as well.

July 10:

Location: Robert Pfaff Park

Music Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Band: Robbie DaCoasta Trio!

Movie & Time: Despicable Me, starts at dusk!



July 17:

Location: Robert Pfaff Park

Music Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Band: Blue Lightening

Movie & Time: Big Hero 6, starts at dusk!



July 24:

Location: Robert Pfaff Park

Music Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Band: Rusted Roads

Movie and Time: Tangled, Starts at dusk!



July 31:

Location: Twin Creeks Park

Movie & Time: Up, starts at dusk!

No band is scheduled for Twin Creeks Park



August 7:

Location: Twin Creeks Park

Movie & Time: Monsters, Inc., Starts at dusk!

No band is scheduled for Twin Creeks Park



August 14:

Location: Twin Creeks Park

Movie & Time: Finding Nemo, Starts at dusk!

No band is scheduled for Twin Creeks Park



Development Updates Online

There have been several new development proposals in the City over the last few months. To keep you up-to-date we provide detailed project information on the City's website, including proposal details, status updates, comment deadlines, public hearing dates, meeting dates, and more.

We invite you to visit the projects web page at www.centralpointoregon.gov/projects to learn more about current development projects in our community.